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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

CONGRESS & AIRLINE STRIKE

Congress has set a precedent when it passed legislation blocking a railroad strike three years ago.

Now, with many claims of reluctance, some members of Congress are talking about ending the airline strike with an ex post facto law.

Although such laws — which legislate against a thing after it has happened — are unconstitutional, many have been passed and slipped under the noses of the courts.

Any attempt by the government to interfere with free collective bargaining between management and unions is a dangerous trend.

The excuse usually given is the so-called public interest. But, since only about one-fifth of Americans have ever traveled on an airliner, the "public interest" in the current strike is blatantly exaggerated.

You will find that it is overblown in most cases, anyway, despite the protestations of that erstwhile friend of unions, Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon, who is leading the pack of congressional wolves at present.

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REAL PUBLIC INTEREST

The real public interest lies in preserving the freedom of unions and management to negotiate. This system has worked remarkably well in the United States. Both workers and their employers enjoy unrivalled prosperity under it.

Although President Johnson and his predecessor, President Kennedy, have come under fire in the past for interfering in labor-management relations, it is Congress which is the transgressor now.

White House Press Secretary Bill D. Moyers made an admirable statement of the President's position this week:

He said the President had used all legal avenues open to him, and it was now up to the responsible parties in the dispute to settle it in the public interest.

The President himself said much the same thing a few days earlier.

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NO NATIONAL EMERGENCY

It is obvious that there is no national emergency. There is no excuse for the United States government either to take over the airlines or to force striking unionists back to work.

Neither is there any reason for enacting a compulsory arbitration bill, as was done in the railroad strike three years ago.

All three so-called sides—labor, management and the public—stand to lose if any of these things is done.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Labor Day Picnic to be 'biggest ever' this year



SAN FRANCISCO city officials proclaimed "Huelga Day," and 1,000 unionists and their supporters paraded down Market Street in support of the Delano grape strike July 9. The "huelga"—or strike—continues despite two important developments: the historic agreement with the second biggest grower, Schenley Industries, and elections scheduled Aug. 30 at the biggest one, DiGiorgio Corp. The elections were agreed to by unions following recommendation from Ronald Haughton, nationally-recognized arbitrator brought into dispute in a settlement attempt by Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown. The DiGiorgio boycott has been temporarily lifted, pending the Aug. 30 vote.

BTC's 'streamlining' plan gains ground

An Alameda County proposal to streamline the organizational framework of building trades unions in California won quite a few friends at the State Building Trades Council convention in Fresno last week.

Business Representative J. L. Childers said the Alameda County Building Trades Council's resolution called for a single statewide building trades council in California, with local councils as such being eliminated.

Childers said Tuesday that local building trades councils would become units of the statewide council, under the plan, allowing better coordination of efforts to combat statewide problems.

The resolution was referred to the State BTC Executive Board, with instructions that it be studied and a report made at the next convention in 1968.

However, Childers said he was pleased at the "thoughtful consideration" given the resolution at the convention.

An important controversy at the convention, Childers said,

revolved around California's new implied consent drunk driving law, which Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown signed July 1.

State BTC delegates voted at their closing session to launch an initiative to put the measure on the November ballot.

State BTC President Byran Deavers was instructed to have a ballot measure drafted and submitted to State Attorney General Thomas Lynch for review.

The measure will also come up at the California Labor Federation convention, starting Aug. 8 at San Diego.

The new law, effective in October, provides automatic loss of driving privileges for six months by a drunk driving suspect who refuses to submit to a blood, urine or breath test to determine whether he is intoxicated.

High interest rates, and their effect on jobs in the homebuilding industry in California, occupied a large share of the limelight at the convention.

They were also discussed in a

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Top artists to perform; trip will be awarded

The Alameda County AFLCIO Labor Day Picnic will be bigger and better this year.

And the need to raise funds to help re-elect labor's friends is greater, too.

So said Robert S. Ash, secretary-treasurer of the Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education, in announcing plans for the annual Labor Day event for all union members and their families.

The picnic—which attracts record crowds each year—will be held, as usual, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton and will last all day.

SHOW BIZ ACTS

The program is still being arranged, but already six top show business acts—including TV and night club stars—has been booked.

And top awards at the picnic this year will include an expense-paid trip for two persons to Mexico City and Acapulco and a portable television set, as well as many other valuable items.

Acts booked for the event by sponsoring Alameda County COPE include:

- Berl Williams, comedy star and master of ceremonies, who has appeared on the Patti Page Show and at top hotels in various parts of the nation.

- Les Blondes, a trio of glamorous girl dancers and vocal artists.

- Don Bexley, comic guitarist, recently at the Purple Onion in San Francisco and a veteran of the Johnny Carson TV show.

ONLY A DOLLAR

One dollar admits the whole family, Ash emphasized.

The picnic will be "the biggest entertainment value in years," the COPE secretary-treasurer added.

Tickets are available from local unions and shop stewards, as well as at the COPE Office in the Labor Temple in Oakland.

Proceeds will be used by COPE, labor's political arm, to help elect friends of labor to public office.

August COPE meeting postponed to the 16th

The August meeting of the Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education has been postponed, according to Ernest Perry, president.

Instead of being held on the second Tuesday of the month as usual, the meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 16 in the William Fee Room of the Labor Temple.

A number of labor's friends in Congress and the State Legislature are expected to be on hand for brief greetings to the unionists at the picnic as in past years, Ash said.

It's our 40th anniversary!

The East Bay Labor Journal is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

In 1926, the Alameda County Central Labor Council and Alameda County Building Trades Council acquired ownership of this newspaper.

The two councils, representing the majority of union members in Alameda County, have owned it ever since.

Helping labor's own newspaper observe this important milestone are many area business firms, which are extending greetings in this issue.

Because of the size of the Anniversary Edition, union columns will not be found on their usual pages, but on pages 9 and 11.

Unionists reveal call monitoring by phone company

Two officers of Communications Workers 9415 told the State Public Utilities Commission last week that some phone conversations are monitored by the phone company.

Zola Hudson, first vice-president, and Eleanor Hart, second vice-president of Local 9415, were among witnesses at a State PUC hearing. Both are phone company employees.

Miss Hart said virtually all overseas, mobile and marine calls are monitored, either in their entirety or intermittently. She added that all phone company employees above district traffic manager have access to monitoring equipment.

Local 9415 President John J. Santen told the East Bay Labor Journal the union's chief concern is "oversupervision, over-observation and overmonitoring of employees."

HOW TO BUY

Your spending power in August

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

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You can buy a car, furniture or a rug at reduced prices in August.

Otherwise, your living costs this month will hit record peaks, due mainly to:

- High food prices, especially because of the low late summer supplies of meat.
- Increased medical costs, for one reason because many doctors raised their fees in preparation for the advent of medicare, and
- Further increases in installment finance charges, now at the highest level in a generation.

CURRENT INFLATION, with little effective effort by the Administration to control it, calls for the most careful management on your part to conserve family money.

Some of these problems may be beyond control of moderate income families.

One is the record high cost of medical care, which happens to be a major reason for wage earner bankruptcies. Only group effort, such as more comprehensive and more widely available group health insurance, has any realistic chance of controlling this potentially ruinous expense.

Here are tips on how to cope with current living cost problems and how to use August buying opportunities:

BORROWERS & SAVERS: This is no time for any but the most urgent or most advantageous borrowing (such as to take advantage of sales), and even then on a carefully limited basis.

Interest rates have been rising this summer in the U. S. and Canada at a pace characterized as "wild" by some financial authorities.

Installment loan rates have been boosted twice this year. Mortgage rates have reached the highest level since 1962, with larger down payments also required. Rates paid by businessmen for loans, and by your schools, town and state for borrowings, also have increased. This affects the prices you pay for clothing. It also forces up your property tax and other state and local taxes.

Meanwhile, families are continuing to borrow and buy on time with little attention to the high rates they are paying. The Credit Reporting Index of the Associated Credit Bureaus shows a 6 per cent increase in borrowing over last year.

CAR PRICE CUTS: As this is written, car manufacturers and dealers have a 60 day supply to unload, or about 20 per cent more than a year ago. Look for

sharp price cuts in August before the new models come out late in September. Manufacturers are giving dealers rebates of \$50 to \$125, and as much as \$150 (on Corvair because of slow sales this year on this make.)

The price you pay for financing and insurance is almost as important as the price of the car. Compare rates among credit unions and banks as well as dealers. Put down the most you can. Arrange to pay off in the shortest time your budget can stand.

HOME FURISHINGS: August is a good month to shop for furniture, rugs, mattresses and linens.

It is noticeable in the current sales that the fanciest styles, with carving, moldings and elaborate veneers, such as "Provincial" and "Mediterranean," cost the most.

In shopping for sofas and chairs, note especially the difference between genuine foam latex upholstery and the cheaper urethane foam, a synthetic. While high density urethane can be durable, some manufacturers have cheapened quality by reducing the density to as little as 1.2 pounds per cubic foot. In use, such lightweight urethane tends to "bottom out," lose shape and permit slippage of the upholstery fabric.

You can tell such cheapened urethane by "hefting" a loose cushion. If it feels surprisingly light, it's dangerously low density.

FOOD CALENDAR: With meat prices high, and not due to drop much until fall, your best buys in protein foods for main dishes at this time are broilers, turkeys, cheese and other milk products, and fish, including canned tuna and salmon (in heavy supply.)

Avoid buying canned "fruit drinks" and "fruit punch." The main ingredient of these products is water.

You can save on the cost of hot weather beverages by buying orange, grape and other concentrates and adding the water yourself.

Why she did it

After reading some nursery rhymes to her pupils, a teacher asked some questions to see if they had paid attention.

"Why did the cow jump over the moon?" she asked.

After a moment a tiny voice peeped, "Maybe the milkmaid had cold hands."—The Machinist.

THAT'S A FACT

MRS. U.S. SAVINGS BONDS OF 1966

FIVE-FOOT-THREE, BLUE-EYED MRS. JOAN BERRY OF LUSK, WYO. WON HER TITLE AT THE ANNUAL MRS. AMERICA PAGEANT AT SAN DIEGO, CALIF. IN THE COMING YEAR 'MRS. U.S. SAVINGS BONDS' WILL TOUR SECTIONS OF THE U.S. AS A GOODWILL AMBASSADOR FOR SAVINGS BONDS



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Firms that fool the public hit

On the basis of a 1963 law proposed by State Consumer Counsel Helen E. Nelson, court injunctions have been obtained against several businesses which have misrepresented themselves to the public.

The law gives enforcement agencies a stronger weapon against false and misleading advertising and specifically prohibits retailers from falsely claiming to be manufacturers, wholesalers or importers.

One injunction was obtained against a Los Angeles mail order firm which claimed it sold "liquidated" merchandise. The firm used the name "Federal Claim Adjusters," according to Consumer Counsel Nelson.

After an injunction was obtained by the State Attorney General's Office, the key person in the firm continued operations under the name "Wholesale Distributing."

He was charged with violating the injunction, held in contempt of court and fined, according to Mrs. Nelson.

Campaigning for such laws is only one of the many Consumer Counsel's Office, established by the Legislature in 1959 at the request of Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown.

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Judge: "You are accused of habitual drunkenness. What is your explanation?"

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Bread hike hit by Mrs. Nelson

California's Consumer Counsel Helen E. Nelson called a recent bread price boost "particularly objectionable."

She discussed an increase in the price of milk.

"I see some valid economic reasons for slight increases in milk products," Mrs. Nelson declared, "but I'm not at all convinced that a 2 or 3 per cent increase for a loaf of bread is justified."

Mrs. Nelson charged the baking industry with "jumping on the bandwagon on the dairy product increases to avoid being singled out."

She added that consumer bread prices have doubled since 1947, but that wheat prices have risen only slightly.

TV inspection chief promoted

Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown has appointed Danied J. Weston, chief of the Bureau of Electronic Repair Dealer Registration, as chief deputy director of the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards.

Weston was deputy district attorney of Contra Costa County for 2½ years before his appointment to the Bureau of Electronic Repair Dealer Registration in 1963.

The Bureau of Electronic Repair Dealer Registration was set up following a campaign by State Consumer Counsel Helen E. Nelson and reputable radio and TV repairmen to help protect the public from gyp artists in this field.

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A few words for UNION CONSUMERS

HELEN E. NELSON, California's state consumer counsel, warns that hundreds of families are still being lured into debt each month by referral selling plans.

They are talked into buying an overpriced product with the promise they will make money, or get something free, for "referring" other buyers to the salesman.

These "aren't selling plans at all, but deceptively baited traps," Mrs. Nelson declared.

Warning that such schemes are on the increase—despite attempts by her office and law enforcement agencies to block them—Mrs. Nelson gave this description of a typical operation:

"A salesman makes an appointment, using the name of a friend or relative. Sometimes the friend or relative phones or writes ahead.

"At the heart of the salesman's pitch, once he is in your living room, is the promise that if you buy his product, he will pay you money for every person you 'refer' who also buys the product.

"It sounds good," Mrs. Nelson observed, "but in actual fact you are committed to a high interest installment contract for a product that usually is grossly overpriced—and rarely is a payment made for the referrals."

RECENT COMPLAINTS to Mrs. Nelson's office in Sacramento include:

- Vacuum cleaners sold with a promise that a machine will cost nothing if the buyer refers the company to seven other persons who buy the same product within a stated period of time.

- Home intercom and fire alarm systems sold at inflated prices with a pledge that all or part of the price will be refunded as sales are made to referral prospects.

- TV sets sold with unknown labels, but at premium prices, to buyers led to believe it will be easy to recoup the purchase price with \$50 payments promised for every prospect referred to the salesman.

IN EVERY CASE, Mrs. Nelson said, the buyer signs a credit contract and makes a small down payment. The contract is immediately sold to a finance company, leaving the salesman and his company free to disclaim further responsibility.

"In most cases," the consumer counsel added, "the families are stuck. They are unable to cancel the contract or return the merchandise."

Mrs. Nelson said similar pitches have been made by sellers of aluminum siding, other home improvements, hi-fi equipment, sewing machines, autos and water softeners.

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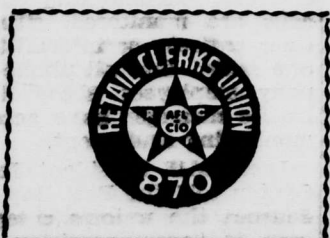
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Low wealth school districts need more help: Local 1622

An adequate solution for the problem of low wealth school districts is sought by Carpenters Local 1622 of Hayward.

Local 1622, which has many members living in the Fremont, Hayward, Castro Valley and San Lorenzo unified school districts, has received concurrence in a resolution from the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters.

The resolution, entitled "Financing Equal Educational Opportunities," will be presented to the California Labor Federation convention.

Fremont, Hayward, Castro Valley and San Lorenzo are "low wealth" school districts, according to Local 1622.

The union cites the fact that the San Lorenzo district has a school property tax rate of \$6.21 per \$100 assessed valuation, while adjacent San Leandro has a property tax rate for schools of only \$4.37.

Yet San Leandro, because of higher total assessed valuation from its industries, can pay teachers at least \$1,000 more per year than the San Lorenzo district, the union said.

With high taxes, and all the money it can get from the state and federal governments — including \$458,000 from the new state Assembly Bill 52 — San Lorenzo will still have about \$275 a month less for each class

than the county average, according to Local 1622.

This problem, the Carpenters' resolution added, has been increasing since 1950, when school bond issues first began to provide funds to build schools where they are needed.

Despite this aid for construction of new buildings, these low wealth districts have had little help with funds for instructional and operational expenses until A.B. 52 was passed this year, Local 1622 pointed out.

And A.B. 52 will supply only one-third to one-half of the real needs of the approximately 25 low wealth unified districts in the state—and only for the 1966-67 school year, the union concluded.

LOCAL DELEGATES

Local 1622 delegates to the State AFL-CIO convention, Gus Toensing, Kyle Moon, Walter Williams and Lewis Curtis, presented the resolution to the Bay Counties District Council for concurrence.

The resolution was brought to Local 1622 by a member, Robert M. Gibbs, a former teacher, who prepared it with Paul Ehret, superintendent, and William Herb, business manager, of the San Lorenzo unified district.

Local 1622 is asking the support of all AFL-CIO unions when the resolution comes to the convention floor.

New reperforator closing attempt by Western Union

Western Union is proceeding with its plan to close its Oakland Reperforator Center, according to Larry Ross, president of Commercial Telegraphers 208.

All circuits for the State of Nevada were transferred to Portland Monday.

The union tried unsuccessfully to persuade Western Union not to take this step, and it is arguing against complete shut-down of the reperforator center here because service to the public will be reduced.

Ross said it will cost \$500,000 to dismantle the center and transfer work to Los Angeles and other points. He added that other centers are having difficulty with present loads, and transfers will just make service to the public worse.

As far as the 100 union members affected in Oakland are concerned, Ross said all with five years or more seniority must be offered comparable jobs in this area under the CTU's new nationwide contract with Western Union.

This is the second time Western Union has tried to close the Oakland Reperforator Office. A few years ago, national union officers and Local 208 successfully persuaded the company it was a foolish move.

Western Union has already shut down reperforator centers in St. Louis and Richmond, Va., Ross said.

Ross declared: "The spending of huge sums to cultivate an inferior product and drive more business away is suicide, not promotion."

He added that the move is "downright unpatriotic" because of the huge communications load now flowing through the Oakland center to Vietnam and other Far East points.

U.C. tuition plan hit

Brown says a proposal by GOP lieutenant gubernatorial candidate Robert Finch to charge up to \$1,000 yearly for tuition at the University of California "would endanger the opportunity of many middle income families to send their children to college."

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Luci's dress now unionized

When Luci Baines Johnson weds Patrick J. Nugent Aug. 6, her gown and those of her attendants will be union-made.

But things didn't start out that way.

Luci's dad, the President, asked his friend, Stanley Marcus of Nieman-Marcus, luxury Dallas department store, to supply the gowns.

Marcus asked his friends, James and Priscilla Kidder, owners of Priscilla of Boston, to make them.

It was not until officials of the AFL-CIO International Ladies Garment Workers Union heard about it that things started to pop.

The ILGWU's David Dubinsky and Louis Stulberg informed their friend, LBJ, that Priscilla is non-union.

So, after friendly discussions, it was decided that Priscilla would design the dresses. But another friend of Stanley Marcus, Baron, would make them.

Since Baron's 150 dressmakers belong to ILGW Local 281, the union label will be switched firmly in each dress.

Roe recuperating

Charles Roe, business representative for Hayward Carpenters 1622, is now recuperating at home from a heart condition, but no visitors are permitted. Roe requests those with business to contact the Union Office.

Building permits

The City of Oakland issued \$16,003,752 worth of building and alteration permits in June, 1966, compared with \$5,827,319 in June, 1965.

Youth jobs pledged

Employers in Northern California have pledged 40,000 summer jobs for President Johnson's Youth Opportunity Campaign.

CLC goes to bat for strong federal jobless pay bill

The Alameda County Central Labor Council has gone to bat for a strong federal unemployment compensation reform bill.

A weak bill was approved by the House of Representatives several weeks ago.

The Senate Finance Committee was scheduled to begin hearings on the subject this week.

Andrew J. Biemiller, AFL-CIO director of legislation, wrote the CLC's Executive Secretary-Treasurer Robert S. Ash:

"It is vitally important... that the Senate passes a good, strong UC reform bill with federal minimum standards. We have been assured by leaders in the House that if the Senate passes a good UC bill, the House will give it very sympathetic consideration."

The AFL-CIO is supporting the McCarthy Bill (S. 991).

In accordance with Biemiller's request, the CLC has sent a statement in support of this measure.

It also asked the East Bay Labor Journal to publicize its request that each affiliated union do likewise.

State pay hike

The State Personnel Board, of which Executive Secretary-Treasurer Robert S. Ash of the Alameda County Central Labor Council is a member, has approved 4-9 per cent salary increases for 100,000 state government civil service employees, most of them retroactive to July 1.

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Auto Salesmen win new pact; CLC committee lends a hand

A new two year contract has been won by Automobile Salesmen 1095 from the East Bay Motor Car Dealers.

Settlement followed several months of meetings by Local 1095 and dealer negotiators. Agreement was finally reached after the Hayward Automobile Dealers Association OK'd a similar pact, and a Central Labor Council committee intervened in the Oakland area talks.

The committee consisted of: Leslie K. Moore, Auto and Ship Painters 1176; DeWayne (Bud) Williams, East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546; William York, Automotive Teamsters 78, and Russel Mathiesen, Retail Clerks 870.

In a report to the Labor Council last week, Executive Assistant Secretary Richard K. Groulx praised the support given by the other unions, despite earlier difficulties.

COMMISSIONS RETAINED

Chester Ansley, Local 1095 secretary-treasurer, said the contract continues existing commissions on new cars and raises them on used cars, despite initial attempts by dealers to abolish or change them.

Arellano, Cooper head Local 216 delegation

Al Arellano and Robert Cooper will lead a slate of 15 delegates to the national convention of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, to be held at the Hilton Hotel during September.

Following is a list of the other delegates elected, in the order they finished: Fred Harmon, Ben Finkelstein, Sydney Amess, Mel Basso, T. R. Treadway, Willie Maddox, Edson Warren, Tom Dambak, Warren Payne, Don Kennedy, Gordon Dalton, Roy Coggins and William Thomas.

A total of 26 members was nominated for this important convention.

It also puts into contract language for the first time provisions for allowances and compensation for salesmen on auto leasing contracts and sets up a joint union - employer study group on the entire subject of payment of car salesmen.

Ansley revealed that night and Sunday closings, pioneered by the local 25 years, will continue in effect.

He announced that an "aggressive organizing campaign" will be undertaken in the Hayward area during the next few months.

Local 1095 had planned to go on strike the following day against the East Bay association, which covers Northern Alameda County, unless an agreement was reached.

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Attention, members of Lodge No. 1546, I.A.O.F. M.:

We are having a picnic at Linda Vista Park, 43630 Mission Blvd., Mission San Jose, Sunday, Aug. 7, 1966, with gate prizes, swimming, games, free ice cream, soda pop, rides on the Ferris wheel and Lindy Loop and music and dancing in the dance hall. Bring the family for a day of fun. The MNPL award will be held at this gala affair.

Fraternally,
DON CROSMAN,
Rec. Secty.

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, Aug. 4, at 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Nominations for delegates to the 13th Constitutional Convention of the United Steelworkers in Atlantic City will be held at this meeting, also nominations for Executive Board officers who vacated their offices by absenteeism.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA
Secty.

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

The Office of the Financial Secretary is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays; from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays.

Our regular meetings are held every Friday at 8 p.m.

Our regular stewards' meeting will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

A Steward's Training Program is held the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The membership is invited to attend these meetings.

Our social event is held the last Friday of each month following our regular meeting.

A. W. RICE,
Rec. Secty.

PAINTERS 40

During the months of July, August and September, the regular meetings are held once each month on the second Friday of the month.

Fraternally,
GENE SLATER,
Bus. Rep.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES 3

Executive Committee meetings, 8 p.m., second Wednesday of each month, 442 65th St., Oakland, Calif.

General membership meetings, 8 p.m., fourth Wednesday of each month, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
JOAN WILSON
Bus. Rep.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Regular membership meeting Friday, July 22, 1966, Eagles Hall, 1228 86th Ave., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
EDWARD M. SOTO,
Rec. Secty.

E.B. MUNI EMPLOYEES 390

SPECIAL NOTICE

All members of our School Districts, please note: The July and August meetings are cancelled due to vacations. Contact the Union Office, chapter officers or stewards for any help during these months.

CITY OF BERKELEY

Tuesday, Aug. 2, 4:30 p.m., Corporation Yard.

PORT OF OAKLAND (P)

Tuesday, Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m., Labor Temple, Room 220

CITY OF RICHMOND (D, DP)

Wednesday, Aug. 10, 7:30 p.m., Corporation Yard.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thursday, Aug. 11, 7:30 p.m., Labor Temple, Room 220.

CITY OF ELCERRITO (C)

Monday, Aug. 15, 4:30 p.m., Corporation Yard.

CITY OF OAKLAND (F)

Wednesday, Aug. 17, 4:45 p.m., Corporation Yard.

HIGHLAND HOSPITAL (GH)

Wednesday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m., Labor Temple, Room 220.

FAIRMONT HOSPITAL (GF)

Thursday, Aug. 25, 7 p.m., Day Room

Fraternally,
DAVE JEFFERY,
Exec. Secty.

PAINT MAKERS 1101

The \$1 will be due Sept. 1, 1966, for the Painter and Decorator, in accordance with Section 17 (a) of the Constitution of the Brotherhood.

The next regular meeting will be Aug. 16, 1966, at 8 p.m. in Hall C of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
WILLIAM BOARDMAN,
Rec. Secty.

CEMETERY WORKERS 322

The regular meeting will be Aug. 2 at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple.

All dues should now be sent to Frank Barlow, 2328 Seminary Ave., Apt. 309, Oakland, phone 568-7116.

Fraternally,
GLEN FOUNTAIN
Pres.

SHIPWRIGHTS 1149

By action taken at the special called meeting of June 17, regular meetings of Local 1149 will be held the first Monday of each month at 2085 Third St., San Francisco, and the third Monday of each month at 115 Broadway, Oakland.

Fraternally,
JAMES ALLAN,
Rec. Secty.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meeting held second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. MCINTOSH
Rec. Secty.

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 678

Meeting second Thursday of each month at 8 p.m., Carpenters Hall 1050 Mattox Rd., Hayward.

Fraternally,
AL CHASMAR,
Secty.

STEAMFITTERS 342

Chairman of Local 342 Golfer's Club wishes to remind you that their next tournament will be held at the Skyways Golf Course located in Hayward. Tee off time will be 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 30, 1966. We have been advised that this course is located next to the Hayward Airport at the end of A street in Hayward.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Bus. Mgr.

AUTO AND SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Aug. 2 in Hall H of the Labor Temple (2315 Valdez St., Oakland).

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE
Bus. Rep.

U. C. EMPLOYEES 371

The officers and Executive Board will meet Saturday, Aug. 13, 1966, at 921 Kains Ave., Albany (the YMCA), at 12 noon.

The regular meetings for July, August and September have been suspended on account of vacations. The officers and Executive Board members will carry on the regular business during this time and wish that all members enjoy a fine vacation.

Fraternally,
W. G. WHITCOMBE,
Sec.-Treas.

BUILDING SERVICE 18

Meeting dates fourth Friday of every month. Meetings at 3 p.m. and the regular evening meetings at 7 p.m., both at the Cooks Hall 1608 Webster St., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
VIC BRANDT,
Secty-Bus. Rep.

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 382

Meeting second Friday of the month at 8 p.m. 2267 Telegraph Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,
JOHN FERRO,
Secty.

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Regular meetings are held the first and third Fridays of each month at 8 p.m. in the Southern Alameda County Labor Temple 1050 Mattox Rd., Hayward.

Fraternally,
B. H. FITZGERALD,
Rec. Secty.

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 677

Meeting second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m., American Helenic Center, 342 37th St., Richmond.

Fraternally,
TOM WILKINS,
Secty.

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month at Finish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDAMO,
Rec. Secty.

CARPENTERS 642

Regular meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month at Carpenters Hall 242 11th St., Richmond.

Fraternally,
MARVIN MARTIN
Fin. Secretary

PLUMBERS 444

At the last regular union meeting it was voted on by the membership that there would be no meeting held in the month of July. The next regular meeting will be held Aug. 24, 1966, at 8 p.m. in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

Order of business:
1. The regular order of business. Please make an honest effort to attend your union meetings. Your union is only as strong as your participation.

Fraternally,
GEORGE HESS,
Bus. Mgr. and Fin. Sec.Tr.

BARBERS 134

The date for the meeting in regard to minimum price has been set for Monday, Sept., 26, at 8 p.m. in Hall M of the Labor Temple.

You are hereby advised that there will be a special meeting called on the per capita tax raise to the International Union. This raise will amount to 25 cents per member. This meeting will be held Monday, Aug. 25, at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple. The vote will be a secret ballot. Only paid-up members may vote. This meeting is important to you.

Our next regular meeting is Thursday, July 28, at 8 p.m., at which time I will read the entire referendum. Come out and know your union. This vote has to do with your death benefit.

Does our office have your correct address? If not, please send it to us.

Fraternally,
AL MATTOCH,
Sec.-Treas.

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

There will be no meeting in August (vacation month). Our regular fall meetings will start on the second Saturday in September, which is Sept. 10, 1966.

Fraternally,
HAROLD BENNER
Sec.

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 6 p.m. at 761 - 12th St., Oakland, Calif.

Stewards will meet on the fourth Thursday, July 28, 1966, at 7:30 p.m. at Carpenters Hall.

You secretary is making every effort to get all Carpenters and their families registered to vote in the General Election on Nov. 8, 1966. Those of who are not registered to vote will receive a notice of this fact.

We would appreciate it very much if you would get registered before Sept. 15, 1966. I will also be on hand at each Monday morning roll call and at the White Front store on Hegenberger road in East Oakland each weekend.

You can register at the Alameda County Building on Fallon street or any fire station.

Fraternally,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON
Rec. Secty.

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Carpenters Local No. 194 meets each first and third Monday evening of the month at 8 p.m. The meeting place is the Veterans Memorial Building, 2201 Central Ave., Alameda.

Refreshments are served following the first meeting of the month in the canteen for all present. You are urged to attend your local's meeting.

Fraternally,
J. W. NIXON,
Rec. Secty.

Blind Electrician

John W. Polston, a member of Electrical Workers 441 (IBEW), Santa Ana, has continued to work at his trade installing an average of 200 electrical outlets per day in tract houses, even though he has been totally blind for 11 years. He reads Braille and is guided by a seeing eye dog.

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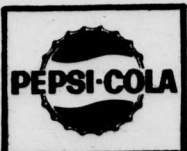
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Crucial nature of registration challenge in '66 cited by Pitts

"Progress, or the lack of it, in California for the next four years will be substantially determined by organized labor's registration efforts in the next two months."

So said Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, in announcing the Pre-General Election Convention of the California Labor Council on Political Education (COPE), to be held in San Francisco Thursday, Sept. 8.

Urging members of every local union and central labor council in the state to redouble their efforts to sign up voters between now and the Sept. 14 registration deadline, the State AFLCIO leader declared:

"Both the federal and state medicare programs brought into existence in the past two years stand as monuments to the type of public-interest legislation that can be won when an alert and informed electorate selects public officials who can turn their back on the blandishments of

greedy, self-serving special interest groups."

Pitts charged that the candidacy of Ronald Reagan "clearly jeopardizes the basic foundations of state law and administration presently protecting California's 7 million workers."

At its Sept. 8 convention, COPE will review primary endorsements and issue one for the Nov. 8 election, Pitts said.

Deadlines for receipt of resolutions and proposed amendments to the COPE constitution is Aug. 25, except for those approved by regularly-constituted and affiliated statewide organizations at conventions or conferences held within 15 days preceding the COPE convention.

The latter must be received by 9 p.m. Sept. 7, Pitts announced.

Each resolution must be in triplicate and must bear either the signature of an executive officer or the seal of the affiliated organization introducing it.

Convention headquarters will be at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel.

'Don't be fooled on Kansas Color Press,' union says

"Don't be fooled into thinking that any periodical produced by the Kansas Color Press is done 100 per cent by union workmen under a fair union contract and union conditions."

So says a bulletin received here from Lawrence (Kan.) Typographical Union No. 570.

It adds that the plant "is infested with strikebreakers and non-union workers" and asks for a grass-roots campaign of letter writing and subscription and ad cancellation directed against customers of the firm, including the following:

Diner's Club (now Signature), National 4-H News, Rexall Drug Central Office, Sears, Roebuck & Co., Girl Scout Leader, American Girl, Scouting, Cub Scout, Explorer and Flower and Garden.

Local 570 denied that there is a jurisdictional dispute with the Pressmen and said members of that union are crossing the Typographical picket line because directed to do so by their international officers.

The ITU local added that the Pressmen and Stereotypers are the only unions now at Kansas Color Press and charged that "most of the pressroom employees are non-union," as well as many others.

Local 570 went on strike in 1961.

Local 570 said efforts to decertify it are still unresolved, and strong protests have been made against use of the Pressmen's label by the firm.

Labor Department sues McCall's magazine here

McCall Corp. is accused of violating the U. S. Wage and Hour Law in Oakland and San Francisco in a federal court suit by the Labor Department.

The department says the nationwide magazine publishing firm failed to pay women who work from their homes soliciting subscriptions the federal minimum wage. It also alleges violation of the record keeping provisions of the law.

The company claims that the women are independent contractors exempt from the law.

Joins law firm

C. Richard Bartolini, son of Chester R. Bartolini, executive secretary of the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters, has joined the law firm of Davis & Craig in Alameda, and the firm's name has been changed to Davis, Craig and Bartolini.

"Does anyone imagine that labor will continue to show moderation in its wage demands when price and profit margins are continually rising?"

The largest part of recent increases in consumer prices, the White House economist declared, has been in farm and food prices "due largely to a temporary maladjustment between demand and supply."

The report on profit increases in the first quarter of the year was backed up by reports in other business and financial publications.

THIRD HIGHER

The New York Times reported that "profits of the average American corporation are about one-third higher this year than they were a year ago."

The Times said that one-fourth of the 516 industrial manufacturing and service companies surveyed "set earnings records for the March quarter and a number of these achieved the highest profits in their histories."

Unruh appointed

Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh has been appointed chairman of the Executive Committee of Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown's re-election campaign.

Profit boom, lag in wages held threat to the economy

Record-setting profits have moved so far ahead of the increases in wages that further boosts in the percentage of profit to the national income might threaten the economy and business itself.

That was the warning by Gardner Ackley, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce meeting in Washington.

PROFIT BOOM

Profits after taxes in the last three months of 1965 were up more than 88 per cent over 1961 and for the first quarter of this year they are 12 per cent more than the same period last year, Ackley said.

Any further boom in business profit share raises the question whether "it is in interest either of the health of the national economy or in the interest of business itself," he warned.

"Either prices have been raised more than costs or prices have not been reduced where costs have fallen," he charged after noting that the margin of profit over costs to business has been growing.

But, he said, the average spendable weekly wage of the factory workers whom business employs was the same in March as in March, 1965, in terms of constant dollars.



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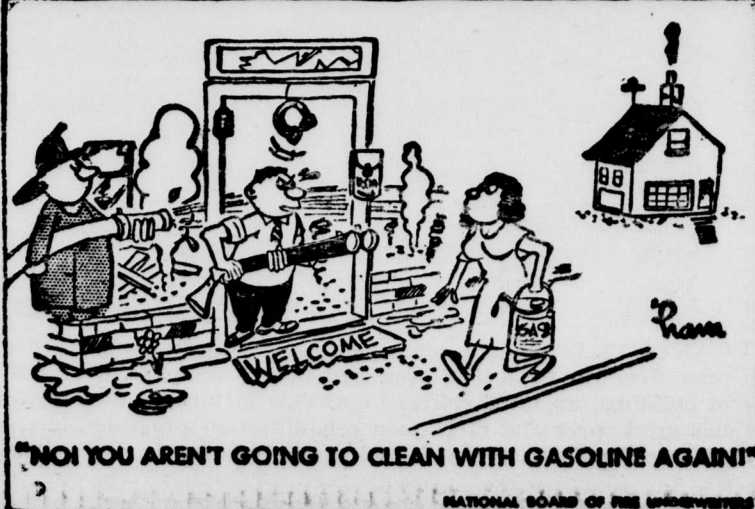
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Retail Clerks Union 870

BY CHARLES F. JONES

Last week a questionnaire was mailed to all members working in food stores. The purpose of the questionnaire is to get your opinion on what our proposals should be when we open the food store agreement for negotiations later this year.

We trust that you have already returned your questionnaire to the Union Office. If not, please do so immediately, as it will take considerable time to compile the result of the survey.

Any member interested in bowling in the winter leagues is invited to attend a meeting in the Union Hall, 6537 Foothill Blvd., Oakland, on Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 7:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may call Paul McCormick at the Union Office for particulars.

Retail Clerk's Union, Local 373 of Solano and Napa counties was successful in organizing Hyde's Department Store in Fairfield. Negotiations for a collective bargaining agreement have been futile, however, and the union has placed pickets advising the public of the company's unfair attitude. The owner of this company also operates the Francis Shop, located at 5757 Foothill Blvd., and the Budget Shop, 5770 Foothill Blvd., both in Oakland. Local 373 has extended their picket line to the above mentioned stores, and you are requested to render full assistance by not patronizing these companies.

We extend our best wishes for a happy retirement to Brother Wilford H. Anderson, Lee Brothers, and Sister Alyce K. Rawson, MacFarland's Candy, whose retirement applications were approved by the trustees of the Northern California Food Industry Pension Fund.

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to announce the deaths of Brother John Visser, an employee of Simon Hardware, who passed away on July 20, and Charles H. Oest, of White Front, who passed away on July 24. We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of these members.

With the passing of Brother Oest, our death benefit fund is again depleted, and a \$1 death benefit assessment will be due and payable with September dues.

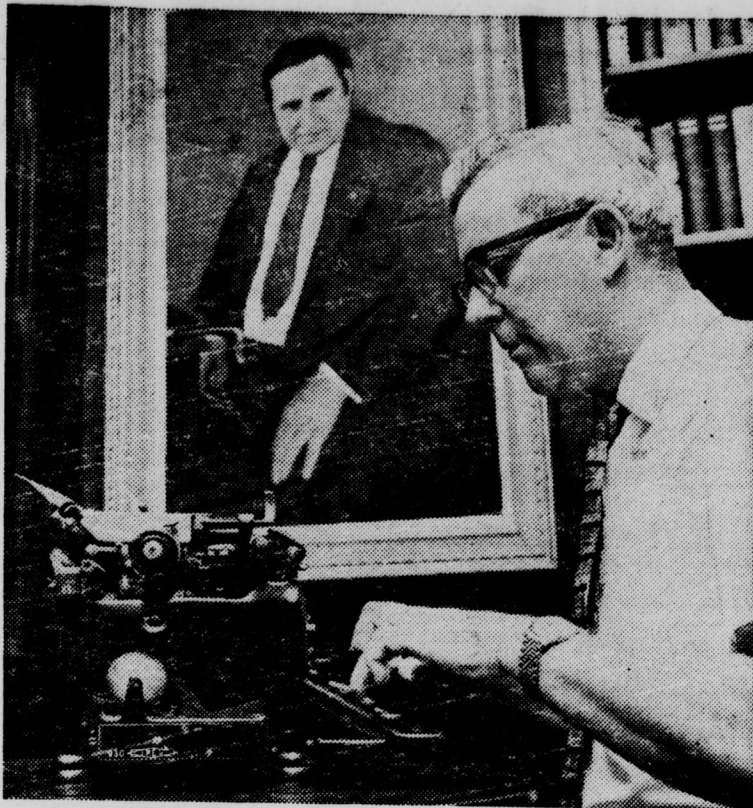
Rubber Workers 64

BY LES PLOWRIGHT

Local 64 and the Oliver Tire Co. have reached an agreement on the new contract. The contract was ratified by a 3 to 1 vote at a special meeting held July 17.

Here are the highlights of the contract:

- Modified union shop.
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- 12 cents per hour increases for each of three years.
- Four weeks' vacation after 22 years.
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- Two additional holidays (the day before Christmas and Good Friday) for a total of 10.
- Night shift differential to apply to all vacation and holiday pay.
- Two 10 minute rest periods each shift.
- Increase in shop stewards from five to 10.
- A labor-management committee.
- Pregnancy leave of absence.
- Increase in pension from \$2.50 per year of service to \$3.
- Requirement for vested pension rights reduced from 20 years' service and age 50 to a straight 15 years' service.
- Increase in hospital room



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and board benefits from \$26 to \$35 a day, and

- Clarification of several clauses in the contract.

The Negotiating Committee was not able to get all the changes you asked for, but all in all, they did a terrific job. They are to be congratulated.

Now it is up to you to see that a full compliment of shop stewards is appointed so that the contract is properly policed.

None of the changes could have been effectuated without the support of the majority of the membership, and I realize that not all members are entirely satisfied with this settlement. However, if the militancy which you have demonstrated in the past three months continues, many more changes can and will be made.

Remember, only in unity is there strength.

Steel Machinists 1304

BY DAVE ARCA

Hi. A lady reader deplored our inattention to lady readers.

This isn't fair. We had hoped politics was as important to ladies as it is to men, especially when conservative elements in California see anti-racial attitudes of voters as an opportunity to take over the Legislature of our state.

With an ex-actor as a candidate, extremists hope to exploit Reagan's TV image into a qualification for governor. Unhappily, feminine voters are susceptible to glamour, flattery and promises.

On the other hand, ladies are practical, too. When a good provider isn't handsome, good looks aren't really that important. When a governor has kept California prosperous, despite a terrific influx of population, he too has certain qualifications.

If you evaluate your present earnings and income against the earnings you received under Republican governors, try to anticipate what you'll earn under a conservative governor, antagonistic toward unions. Workers will lose the most.

Reagan led Goldwater's campaign in 1964, with all the "right-to-work" philosophy intact. His silence on this issue in this campaign doesn't dispel our opinion that he still embraces this belief.

We need to elect legislators friendly to workers. And we need your vote to accomplish this aim. If you aren't registered, please register, and vote for labor-endorsed candidates. Okay? Okay.

Steamfitters' Notes

BY JIM MARTIN

By previous action of the membership, our next scheduled membership meeting to be held will be Aug. 18, 1966.

The United Associations National Convention will be held in Kansas City, Mo., commencing Aug. 8, 1966. California local unions will have the largest delegation, as we have 32,513 members of the United Association residing in California. Our union's delegation was reduced to 13 this past week when we were advised by mail that the United Association's records revealed that we had 1,306 members paid through May, 1966, thereby entitling us to 13 delegates, and removing the name of LaVerne C. Furman, Card No. 341099, as a delegate, but placing him as first alternate. The communication was signed by General Secretary Martin J. Ward. Memo: We were short by 15 good standing members to allow us 14 delegates as originally elected.

We would also like to mention that Brothers Dick Dole, Glen Ele and Larry McMillen will represent Local 342 at the Sixth Convention of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, to be held in the City of San Diego starting the week of Aug. 8, 1966.

You have no doubt been reading in the newspapers of the economic situation of the housing industry as applicable to FHA and VA guaranteed mortgages.

Governor Edmund Brown has extended an invitation to certain labor representatives, and a meeting of these building and construction trades representatives will be held.

The purpose of this meeting, to be held July 27, 1966, at the International Hotel in Los Angeles, is to explain the possibility of investing labor's union pension funds, thereby substantially relieving the tight money here in California, which, as you know, affects the real estate industry, housing and home construction, lending institutions, and, ultimately, the general economic climate of California, as our Governor points out, this conference is designed to draft a positive and specific position we can take to help ourselves in California and relieve a severe situation in our state.

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Censorship of bulletin board big issue at local Navy base

The big issue in current negotiations between American Federation of Government Employees 1533 and the Oakland Naval Supply Center is who says what can go on the on-base union bulletin board.

Believe it or not, talks between the union and Navy brass for a Public Works Department contract at the base are snagged on that issue.

Both sides agree on the exclusion of anything "scurrilous, libelous or not factual," according to Executive Assistant Secretary Richard K. Groulx of the Central Labor Council.

But the problem is whether the Navy has the right to keep announcements off the bulletin board just because it says they are "scurrilous, libelous or not factual," Groulx told the Labor Council last week.

Groulx has been helping Lodge 1533 which, aside from the bulletin board issues, is close to a contract with Navy for the Public Works Unit at the base under terms of the Late President Kennedy's Executive Order 10988.

(Such contracts cover many items, but not wages, which of course, are set by the government.)

The "Lodge 1533 Advocate" points out that the Navy's Office of Industrial Relations has ruled that management has no right to censor union material.

But this doesn't seem to have solved the matter for the local Supply Center brass.

NAVY SAYS IT'S OK

Groulx said Lodge 1533 is "fighting for some dignity." And when an employer can dictate what goes on the union bulletin board, it isn't very dignified.

"They don't just want to decide what is factual, but also what is in good taste," Groulx said.

And there may be a difference of opinion between union and management on that.

Groulx summed the whole controversy up by saying Supply Center officials are "at long last learning what it is to deal with an aggressive union."

MDTA advisory council OKs graphic arts training program

A complete pre-apprenticeship training program in the graphic arts industry has been approved for the East Bay Skills Center by the Alameda Manpower Development and Training Act Advisory Council.

If financing is approved by federal officials, the skills center will offer training in six printing trades occupations.

They were listed by Norman E. Amundson, MDTA advisory council chairman, as: phototypesetter operator, pasteup man, lithographic photographer, negative assembler, transferer (plate maker) and offset pressmen.

Stress will be on job openings created by recently-introduced printing techniques.

As approved by the MDTA ad-

visory group, the program calls for skills center training for 60 persons.

UNION COMMITTEE

Training will be supervised by a technical advisory committee including representatives of at least five unions: Lithographers, Photoengravers, Pressmen, Printing Specialties and Typographical.

Each trainee will receive instruction in all six occupations but will specialize in one. After the skills center course, trainees will be eligible for apprenticeship or other on-the-job training.

Amundson said each of the unions has promised to work to place graduates of the program in apprenticeship or other job openings.

Calling the proposal "significant," Amundson, former assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council and now an official of the U.C. Labor Research and Education Center, praised the unions for their cooperation.

He expressed the hope that government officials will approve the program because of its importance, despite the initial expense of acquiring equipment, which will be relatively high.

Typographical Auxiliary

BY ERMINE SULLIVAN

The annual picnic will be held Aug. 4 at Lakeside Park, near Children's Playland, Lake Merritt. The picnic will be at 12 noon, a potluck affair, and is in lieu of the regular business meeting. Guests are welcome.

The Northern California Conference will be held in Oakland at the Airport Inn Oct. 8 and 9.

The rummage sale date has been set. It will be after school starts. Save your articles, and tell our friends to do so.

It is with deep sorrow that we report the deaths of the husbands of Evelyn Hallahan and Wilma (Hackett) Hurwitz.

The writer wishes to thank members for the many cards, phone calls, well wishes and plants she received after recent surgery.

Millionaire endorsed

The Pennsylvania AFLCIO has endorsed Milton Shapp, a liberal millionaire industrialist, for governor.

642's Straight Line

BY MARVIN MARTIN

We are happy to report that Past President Tom Phillips is now improving. He is still in the hospital, but Mrs. Phillips tells us that he is able to be up for a short time and walk around a bit.

Clarence Barthman has just returned from his routine trip to Kaiser Hospital, where he was administered the usual six units of blood. We hope Clarence will soon regain all his strength and not have to make so many trips to the hospital for that "refueling" job.

What a pleasant visit we had with retired member Lawrence L. Hall the other day. He had just come back from a six weeks' vacation when he dropped by the Union Office and was full of interesting facts about his trip 'round Idaho and Oregon, and the fish never quit biting up there!

By the time you read this article, it's time to say "happy birthday" to Mr. Ralph L. Goodwin, who celebrates his 91st on July 29. Yes he was born in 1875. Our heartiest congratulations to this fine gentleman, whose heart is still with Local 642, and whom we remember so well as having served many years in this local as an officer and as Financial Secretary.

Also, they say "Gas can be ethal in three different ways: inhaling it, lighting it or stepping on it!"

We laughed and laughed when we were told this one: "The man who smiles when things go wrong has just thought of someone he can blame it on."

Watchmakers Local 101

BY GEORGE F. ALLEN

Otto Frei, the material supply house at 337 13th St., Oakland, has opened a watch crystal department as an addition to his business. We are pleased to report that we have a union agreement signed by Brother Otto Frei, who himself has been a member of this union for a number of years.

We just received word from the Labor Commissioner's Office in Oakland that the "vacation pay" and the "tools and equipment" reimbursement claim against A. F. Edwards of Oakland will have to go to a formal hearing, which will be held during the month of August.

Amalgamated Silver Workers' Union Local 31 of Providence, R.I., is on strike against Gorham Silver Corp. We also received word that Optical Workers' Union Local 355 of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., is on strike against Barre Optical Co. Our local will support these sister locals to the best of our ability.

After listening to Joseph Reeves, Bay Area vice chairman of the Agricultural Workers Organizing "Save Our Strike Committee" of Delano, Calif., the members voted to again assist the Farm Workers' strike.

Wanted: Sit-down diamond case. If you know of such a case that is for sale, please contact the Union Office.

SAN JOSE MEETING NOTICE

The next membership meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 2, at the Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa St., San Jose.

MDTA review asked

The AFLCIO has asked Congress for "a thoroughgoing review" of the Manpower Development and Training Act—instead of a "piecemeal amendment."

Lie tests banned

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This is the Brown Administration's "great record of achievement," Lieutenant Governor Glen M. Anderson told the California Conference of Machinists.

"For seventy consecutive months," Lieutenant Governor Anderson said, "California has enjoyed a sustained economic advance — progress, otherwise impossible without the active support of organized labor."

"This means seventy consecutive months marked by rising employment and rising income," the Lieutenant governor declared.

"Year after year, we continue to surpass our own economic achievements, and we are steadily and relentlessly winning the campaign against unemployment. The jobs rate in the month of May fell to the lowest in six years," Anderson added.

Anderson told the Machinists California ranks first in construction of new factories. And more important, it leads all

states in creation of new jobs, he said.

Since 1958, nearly 1½ million jobs have been created in California, Anderson pointed out.

OTHER GAINS

Anderson listed some of the other accomplishments of the Brown Administration directly benefitting working men and women:

- Unemployment insurance raised from \$40 to \$65 a week.
- Disability insurance increased from \$50 to \$80 a week.
- Workmen's compensation up from \$50 to \$70 a week.

Anderson said California's dominant characteristics are "growth and change."

This challenge has been met, he told the unionists.

"Let no one misunderstand," the lieutenant governor added, "the change experienced by California didn't happen by chance. It came with a bold and creative legislative program, with intelligent planning and aggressive action by those entrusted with the responsibility of providing forward-looking and progressive leadership."

State gained \$300 million when braceros left: Brown

Ending the bracero program paid off in a \$300 million-plus boost for the state's economy in 1965, according to Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown.

The governor said American farm workers employed in California earned \$113.9 million more in 1965 than 1964.

Because of the economic multiplier effect, this really produced more than \$300 million economic activity for the state, Governor Brown said.

"This means more jobs, more goods sold, more businesses prospering... because the money does not leave California," the governor declared.

Brown attributed the higher 1965 earnings largely to increased job opportunities and better wages for farm workers since the expiration of the federal government's Public Law 78 on Dec. 31, 1964.

P.L. 78 authorized importation of large numbers of Mexican nationals, or braceros, many of whom worked in California.

Total wages paid domestic farm workers in 1965 were \$730,000,000, compared with \$616,300,000 in 1964.

Earnings of braceros totalled only \$10 million in California in 1965, compared with \$78 million in 1964.

Hod Carriers 166 upheld in federal court T-H case

Hod Carriers 166 has been upheld in a Taft-Hartley Law case before Federal Judge Stanley Weigel in San Francisco.

Swindell-Dressler, a contractor which performed construction work at the Port Costa Brick Yard in Contra Costa County closed the project for one day, on July 13, 1966.

The contractor claimed it did so because a business representative for Local 166 said his members would not handle mortar being delivered from the mortar mixer by an employee who was not a member of that union.

Although work resumed the following day, certain employees, all bricklayers, sued Local 166 for loss of wages under Section 8(b)(4) of the Taft-Hartley Law, according to Local 166's attorney, Phillip J. Smith.

Local 166 Business Representative Carnell Gains and Shop Steward Lee McCoy categorically denied at the trial that any such threats had been made.

After a 2½ hour trial, the court ruled that Local 166 was not responsible for the shut-down and found in its favor in the case, Smith said.

College AFT unit says poll opposes year-round plan

The College Council of the California Federation of Teachers, AFLCIO, has conducted a poll which shows faculty members are opposed to year-round operation on the quarter system.

Dr. John Spiering, council president, said:

"Our poll has given the faculty a chance to express their views, and their responses indicate that they disagree with the action of the (State College) Trustees."

The poll shows the majority of state college teachers favor the present semester system over the quarter plan.

If they have to go to some year-round system, they prefer semester, not quarter, operation, the poll revealed.

The council hit the "unilateral nature" of the trustees' decision to go to year-round operation under the quarter plan.

CWA membership up

The AFLCIO Communications Workers of America will enter major Bell System negotiations strengthened by a membership surge that has added 30,000 to the union's rolls in a year—a gain of 10 per cent, President Joseph A. Beirne told the 28th annual convention.

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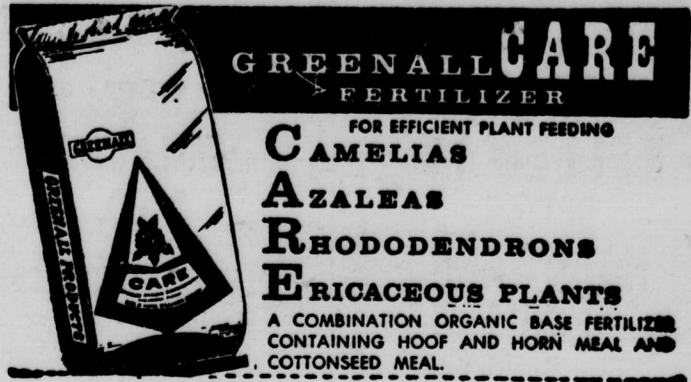
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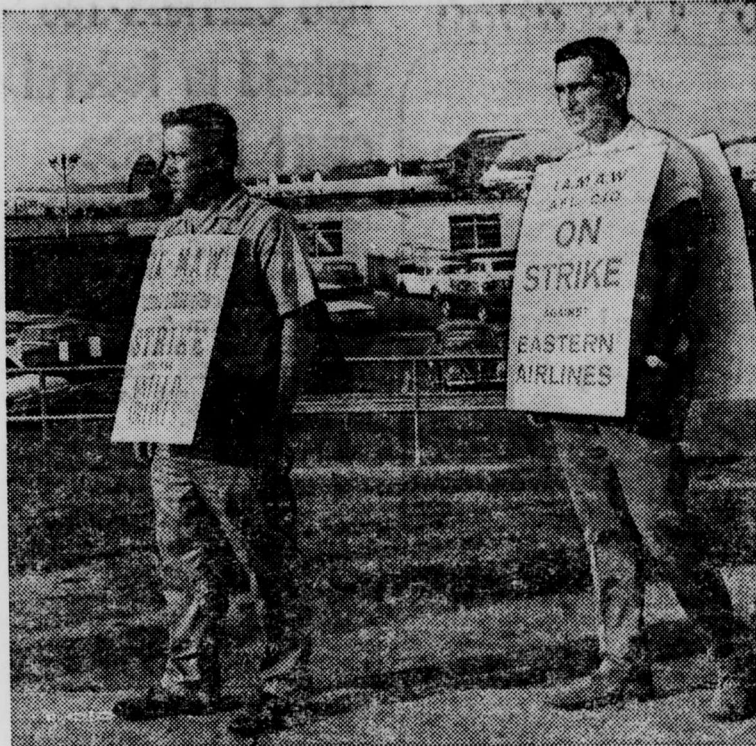
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MACHINISTS PICKET at Washington National Airport in their nationwide strike against Eastern, National, Northwest, Trans World and United airlines. Some 31,000 mechanics and ground crewmen struck July 8 after nine futile months of contract talks with airline representatives.

Oakland needs new policemen -- career opportunity stressed

The City of Oakland has launched a major recruiting program for policemen.

Part of the campaign is being beamed at minority groups.

Police Chief Robert J. Preston told the East Bay Labor Journal his department is between 35 and 40 officers below strength.

Preston attributed this partly to the fact that Oakland must compete with 27 law enforcement agencies in the Bay Area for qualified patrolman recruits.

But the police chief believes many eligible young citizens are unaware of opportunities in their Police Department.

In his recruiting campaign, Chief Preston is stressing law enforcement as a profession in California.

He also noted the importance of the police officer to the community.

Oakland provides eight weeks of paid in-service training to its new patrolmen, as well as four more weeks in which the beginning officer is accompanied on the job by another policeman.

James M. Newman, city personnel director, said Oakland seeks able, ambitious young men who desire to build a worthwhile career in police work.

MINORITY CAMPAIGN

Chief Preston said a publicity campaign has been started on radio station KOFY beamed at potential Mexican-American recruits. Signs have been posted at

various Mexican-American businesses, he said.

The department also plans a "trailer" to be shown in Spanish language movie houses.

The chief said the department plans to contact all Negro organizations in the East Bay. It will offer to give illustrated talks at meetings of these groups on police and other city job opportunities.

Oakland has a continuous testing program for new patrolmen.

Applicants must be 21 through 29 years of age, U. S. citizens, at least five feet, nine inches, but not more than six feet, six inches, in height, with weight "in proportion to height as determined by the examining physician."

Patrolmen must pass physical, psychiatric and vision tests and must have valid driver's or chauffeur's licenses.

There is also a written test. Chief Preston said most questions are about facts most citizens know.

Although the majority of the department's present members have some college training, only a high school diploma or equivalent is required.

Pay is \$686 a month for the first year, with increases to \$710 and \$731 on the second and third years. After 25 years, an officer may retire at half salary.

There is no filing deadline. Examinations are held on a continuous basis.

Application forms and further information may be obtained in Room 100, Oakland City Hall, phone 273-3111. There is no residence requirement.

A flat statement

Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown says of his opponent in the gubernatorial race: "Reagan is the sort of conservative who suspects Christopher Columbus started out with four ships and one sailed over the edge."

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Humboldt County employees vote to join AFSCME

The Humboldt County Employees Association is now an AFLCIO union, the Central Labor Council was told here last week.

This is the second county employee association in California to become a local of the AFLCIO American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, according to Rodney Larson, AFSCME delegate to the council.

The Contra Costa County Employees Association became Local 1675 of the AFSCME several years ago. Local 1675 now also represents a number of other public employee groups in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

The Humboldt County Employees Association will be known as AFSCME Local 1684, Larson said.

Its members also voted to keep their affiliation with the League of County Employees Association and to employ a full-time business manager to represent the new union.

GROWING NEED

Larson said the overwhelming majority voting for AFLCIO affiliation showed the growing need for unions among public employees, as well as the organizing potential for unions which lies in this field.

"This illustrates the growing trends among white collar workers, professional people and public employees to affiliate with the labor movement," Larson added.

AFSCME President Jerry Wurf has sent a message to the new local union, praising its members for the democratic nature of their election and pointing out that the action will pave the way for further public employee union gains this way in other areas.

Wurf promised Local 1684 the full backing of the AFSCME in its negotiations with the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and indicated he would seek aid from other unions in the area if necessary to raise the substandard pay and working conditions of members.

Birth control center

Formal opening of a new planned parenthood information and education area at 537-A 105th Ave. in the El Sobrante-Brookfield Village area of East Oakland was announced by Planned Parenthood/Alameda County.

New superior judge

Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown has appointed Municipal Judge Robert K. Barber to the Superior Court bench in Alameda County.

Oakland Board of Education changes tune on teacher cuts

The Oakland Board of Education has chosen to reinstate 90 elementary teaching positions—rather than face state penalties totalling more than \$1 million.

The jobs had previously been cut from the 1966-67 school budget.

School Business Manager Spencer D. Benbow told the board last week why the 90 positions should be put back into the budget:

He said the recently-passed Assembly Bill 52 quadrupled the penalty for school districts with classes bigger than 32 pupils in the first, second and third grades.

Previously, the board had decided it would be good "economics" to increase class sizes next year beyond the maximum set by the old Unruh Bill, and pay a \$260,000 penalty.

The board's decision was based on an analysis which revealed it was cheaper for the district to pay the penalty than to comply with the state class size maximums.

However, Assembly Bill 52 amended the Unruh Bill and raised the penalty to an estimated \$1,070,000. And, according to Business Manager Benbow, the board was now faced with the choice of:

- Reinstating the previously-eliminated jobs at a cost of \$250,000, or

- Paying the augmented penalty of \$1,070,000.

After only a brief discussion, the board authorized Superintendent of Schools Stuart S. Phillips to hire "sufficient teachers" to comply with the class size standards.

CLASSROOM PROBLEM

After approving additional hiring, the board learned that returning the 90 jobs to the budget would also create problems for housing the additional classes.

Acting under earlier plans to reduce the number of teachers and increase class sizes, the school administration had converted some portable buildings used as classrooms last year into cafeterias and offices.

Superintendent Phillips informed the board it would take until February to install 34 more portable classrooms needed.

Until then, he said, some classes will have to be held in auditoriums, cafeterias, and other makeshift facilities.

Several parents and teachers at the board meeting wondered why it would take until February to return portable buildings that were moved and converted

Too timid

The Oakland Board of Education's plan to end de facto segregation in schools recognizes the problems involved, but it is too timid in its solutions.

Thus, the State Commission on Equal Opportunities in Education, in a statement issued last Saturday, summed up a group of measures adopted by the local school board several months ago.

The state body said it "cannot accept the Oakland report as a satisfactory program likely to assure equal educational opportunities for the school children within the jurisdiction of the Oakland board."

The Oakland report earlier came under fire from some civil rights groups as inadequate.

in just the five weeks that had elapsed since classes ended in June.

But the question wasn't raised by the board. So it went unanswered.

'REDUCED PRICE LUNCHES'

In other business, the board approved a "reduced price lunch" proposal that will let impoverished youngsters receive up to 10 free school lunches each month.

The lunch plan was the product of two years of negotiations between the board and various community and civil rights groups. The lunch program will serve an estimated 12,000 Oakland pupils and will add 3½ cents to the school tax rate.

East Bay schools face House segregation probe

A House subcommittee on de facto school segregation will investigate racial balance in Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond and San Francisco schools.

Investigators will come to the Bay area sometime during the next two months to prepare background reports for hearings, to be held either in San Francisco or Washington, D.C., this fall, according to John Kramer, subcommittee counsel.

Safety meeting

Ways to make heavy construction safer were discussed at a meeting sponsored by Operating Engineers 3 and Alameda and Contra Costa County contractors in Oakland last week.



LABOR-INDUSTRY solidarity in fighting for a sound national merchant marine policy is asked by President Paul Hall of the AFLCIO Seafarers at a Save-our-Shipping Conference in Washington, D.C. Co-sponsors included the AFLCIO Maritime Committee and the AFLCIO Maritime Trades Department.

S.F. Labor editor writes biography of Eugene Debs

David F. Selvin, editor of San Francisco Labor, is author of a new book, "Eugene Debs: Rebel, Labor Leader, Prophet."

The book has been published by Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Co., Inc., New York, at \$3.75.

It brings into focus the life and times of Debs, rail union and Socialist Party leader, who was the dominant figure in the Pullman strike of 1894.

Debs, Socialist candidate for President five times, tried to organize all railroad workers into one union. He was jailed for six months following the Pullman strike and was sentenced to a six-year federal prison term in 1918 for violating the Espionage Act during World War I on account of his pacifist activities.

Although in prison, Debs polled nearly a million votes as a presidential candidate in 1920. He was pardoned by Republican President Warren G. Harding in 1921 and died in 1926.

Selvin describes Debs' battles for the eight hour day, unemployment insurance and child labor laws, as well as the great power of the railroad magnates during his time.

An earlier book by Selvin, "Sam Gompers," deals with the life of the founder of the American Federation of Labor. Selvin also operates a public relations firm in San Francisco and is currently president of the California Labor Press Association and a vice-president of the International Labor Press Association.

Petris named

Assemblyman Robert W. Crown (D.-Alameda), chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, has appointed Assemblyman Nicholas C. Petris (D.-Oakland) to head the Subcommittee on Mental Health Services.

Teen jobs up

A record high of 8,300,000 U.S. teenagers were employed this June, 1.3 million higher than the previous year.

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State BTC 'streamlining' plan gains supporters at convention

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talk to delegates by Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown.

C. R. Bartalini of Oakland Carpenters 36, president of the Carpenters' state council, urged labor-management pension funds to invest in home mortgages to ease the "tight money" situation.

Describing the Carpenters' pioneering efforts in this field, Bartalini charged that the "tight money" situation is the result of a "deliberate move by the Johnson Administration to control inflation at the expense of the home building industry."

Delegates urged formation of a State Home Finance Agency to

extend the state's credit for construction of housing for low-income families who cannot afford it at today's interest rates, and create more jobs for building tradesmen.

Governor Brown listed several actions he has been taking to ease the "tight money" situation affecting construction in California.

The governor said he is now working with California's congressional delegation, as well as housing and fiscal officials in Washington, D. C., to increase federal commitments for mortgages and to raise the family unit mortgage limit from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

Governor Brown declared he led the way in getting state employee pension funds to invest in mortgages. He said he has scheduled a conference in Los Angeles this week to encourage other pension funds to do the same thing.

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All bids must be accompanied by cash or a check certified to without qualification by some responsible bank or banker, in the amount of Fifty Per Cent (50%) of the total amount of the bid payable at sight to the order of the Oakland Unified School District of Alameda County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of this Board be and he is hereby directed to post three copies of this Resolution in three (3) public places in said Oakland Unified School District of Alameda County not less than fifteen (15) days before the date of said meeting and he is further directed to cause said Resolution and Notice to Bidders to be published not less than once a week for two (2) successive weeks before said meeting in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Alameda, State of California.

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Secretary of the Board of Education of the City of Oakland and of the Oakland Unified School District of Alameda County, State of California

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New reason for Reagan to repudiate Birchers

At a press conference in New Haven, Conn., last Sept. 8, Ronald Reagan was asked whether or not he repudiated the John Birch Society.

Reagan replied:

"I don't believe I have any moral justification for repudiating them."

In our opinion, there is plenty of moral justification for calling the John Birch Society what it is, and refusing any support from it, its front groups or its members.

The John Birch Society is a secret right-wing organization, which meets in cells and operates through front groups, much like the principal left-wing totalitarian threat to democratic government in the United States, the American Communist Party.

Its founder and guiding light, Robert Welch, has called President Dwight D. Eisenhower "a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy. The society's appeal is not to legitimate conservatives but to those whose hatreds and frustrations are quelled by similar lies, half-truths and twisted statements.

Now there is an even more compelling reason for men of good will to make clear this freedom from this nefarious organization and its web of distortion.

California's state Controller Alan Cranston has made public a detailed 26-page report documenting the John Birch Society's ties with anti-Semitism.

Cranston was an American foreign correspondent in Germany during the 1930s. He watched Hitler's rise to power. He is an extremely competent expert on the subject. And he calls the Birch Society a "seed-bed of neo-Facism."

Ronald Reagan has declined many times to repudiate the John Birch Society. It is obvious that he has been afraid to speak out against the Birchers because so many of them are among his powerful right-wing financial backers.

They are lurking in the shadows of Reagan's newly-wrought moderate image, eager for the opportunity of political power and influence in the nation's largest state.

Even if Reagan should now make some concession to the true moderates who want him to repudiate the Birchers, it will be hard for him to prove it more than political opportunism.

For Reagan is firmly on the record with a long list of ultra-conservative positions, despite the attempts of the image-makers to fool the voters of California into thinking he is a political moderate.

And we intend to document these Birch-like statements made by Goldwater-ite Reagan between now and the election.

Power of unionism

Hearings of the State Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Agriculture produced at least one statement which should be taken to heart by all union members.

James E. Woolsey, vice-president of Schenley Industries, said the company recognized the National Farm Workers because "adverse publicity" constituted "a threat of serious damage to our business on a nationwide basis."

It is obvious that Woolsey was referring to the NFWA's boycott and the publicity given the Delano strike, as well as the tremendous support by the rest of labor and other liberal groups.

Woolsey's unusually candid statement shows the power of unionism when we work together against injustice through a boycott and other legally-sanctioned collective action.

Federal employees: sacrificial lambs

Federal employees received a "guidelines" increase of 3.2 per cent. Actually, their pay increase was only 2.9 per cent. The rest was in fringe benefit increases.

California state employees, equally underpaid, received a general 4 per cent increase. And some had raises of up to 9 per cent.

The moral of this story is that the state employees weren't hampered by the ill-advised federal guidelines, which cover wages and not profits and which haven't halted inflation.

Federal employee unions made a good case for a 7½ per cent increase. But their members were the latest sacrificial lambs in an economic experiment which has already failed.

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MORE PUBLIC HOUSING SOUGHT FOR OAKLAND

A major drive is being made to get a public housing measure on the November ballot in Oakland.

If the City Council agrees to submit the issue to voters, they will be asked to approve 3,000 new units of low income public housing.

A citizens' committee — with strong labor support — kicked off the public housing campaign last week.

The committee, which includes six labor representatives, was headed by Assemblyman Nicholas C. Petris (D.-Oakland).

It will also ask the Oakland Housing Authority to develop a leasing program under the 1965 Federal Housing and Urban Development Act.

The local housing authority will be asked to lease 1,500 units of existing housing from owners and rent them to low income families at rates they can afford under the terms of the 1965 act.

Both aims were approved by the Citizens' Committee on Housing of the Oakland Area Council of Social Planning.

For technical reasons, the committee dissolved itself and will form the nucleus of a new citizens' group — unaffiliated with the social planning council — which will campaign for the public housing measure.

NEED FOR SPEED

Assemblyman Petris stressed the need for speed.

New public housing, under a state law pushed through by the real estate lobby in 1950, must be authorized by local voters.

Recently-built public housing in Oakland was either authorized before the 1950 law, or replaces temporary wartime units which were torn down.

But all the units authorized before 1950 have now been built, and there is general agreement that more public housing is badly needed in Oakland.

To qualify for the November ballot, Assemblyman Petris pointed out, the full text of the housing authorization measure must be presented to the County Board of Supervisors by the Oakland City Council by Sept. 9.

The new citizens' committee's first task, Petris explained, will be to persuade the City Council to OK the ballot measure.

A small group visited Mayor John H. Reading June 30.

The mayor was noncommittal but asked that the need for more public housing in Oakland be documented. A detailed report presented last week is the result.

'GREATEST UNMET NEED'

"Decent, safe and sanitary housing for low income families (at rents which they can afford) is the greatest unmet

housing need in Oakland," the report says, adding:

"This is particularly true for families with three or more children."

The report says public housing must be built to replace low income rentals torn down for redevelopment projects, rapid transit, freeways and units torn down for failure to comply with building codes.

"The Oakland Housing Authority now has a current waiting list of over 500 families eligible for admission," the report points out.

"This list," it adds, "would be much larger if families thought there was a realistic chance of obtaining an apartment."

Despite 1960 census figures showing that one-quarter of Oakland's families earned less than \$4,000 a year—the eligibility requirement for public housing—no low income housing has been constructed in Oakland by private developers, the report charged.

SCATTERED SITES URGED

The report specifically urged that the new public housing, at rents of \$40-\$80 a month, be scattered throughout the city to avoid perpetuation of existing segregated housing patterns.

LEASING PROGRAM

Other highlights of the report:

- The leasing program alone will not fill Oakland's public housing needs, because not enough suitable units are available which are large enough, according to a survey by the Oakland Real Estate Board included in the report.

- Oakland eliminated 1,774 units of temporary public housing in the last 10 years and, according to a statement by Norman J. Lind, director of the Oakland City Planning Department, the need for new public housing units is nearer 10,000 than 3,000.

- Much of the housing that the poor are able to afford is either dilapidated or deteriorating, and renters with incomes under \$4,000 occupied 6,700 of the 8,800 unsound rented units in the city in 1960, according to a statement by Lind, based on the census figure.

- Oakland lost a total of 9,700 housing units between 1960 and 1965, two-thirds of them wrecked or permanently vacated in the city's poverty target areas, according to city figures.

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NURSES' DECISION A 'DIFFICULT' ONE

Editor, Labor Journal:

On behalf of my fellow registered nurses of the entire East Bay area and Kaiser facilities, I wish to thank you for expressing your support so eloquently in the East Bay Labor Journal, July 15. Your urging the public to give us encouragement is greatly appreciated, certainly, which at this point we sorely need expressed.

Our joint efforts for mass resignations has been a difficult, rather lonely soul-searching decision on the part of each one of us involved in our struggle.

Compassion for others has been instilled strongly within ourselves, or else we would not have been able to tolerate the working conditions and salaries we have been paid for so long.

Now, our decisions have been made. We hope our detractors will realize we really do mean our conditions must be changed and will take—and have taken—action collectively, a more militant step to a better future for ourselves and the nurses who will compose our profession after us.

For the most part, we are from families of unionists, married to unionists; so we can certainly appreciate the fine examples of unionism that are here in the Bay Area.

MARY F. SINCLAIR, R.N.
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'CORE, SNCC LED IN NON-VIOLENCE'

Editor, Labor Journal:

SNCC and CORE have been taking a beating in the press recently concerning their positions on "black power" and "non-violence."

As chairman of Southern Alameda County CORE and a member of UAW for 16 years, 12 of them in GM plants in the area, I can say that CORE is still a good deal more non-violent than the union movement, though, of course, both are basically non-violent and believe only in taking what measures are necessary to protect person, rights or property when the proper government agencies have failed in their job.

Anyone participating in a CORE demonstration agrees to behave non-violently during that demonstration. Negroes have never waived their constitutional right of self-defense, nor will CORE ask them to.

It is ironic that both CORE and SNCC, accused with much tongue-clucking of now advocating violence, are in fact both on record against the supreme violence of our time, the U.S. war in Vietnam, while many of their detractors remain silent (or support the war).

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Due largely to the support by your excellent newspaper, the 1966 Alameda County Fair enjoyed the most successful year in its history.

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